

WIRELESS TELLS STORY OF RESCUE

**Capt. Capper, of Cunarder,
Describes Saving of the
Steamer Balmes.**

BATTLE WITH HIGH SEA

**S. O. S. Call Brings Succor to Burn-
ing Spaniard and 163 Dis-
tressed Passengers.**

New York, Nov. 18.—The story of how the Cunard liner Pannonia effected the rescue of the 163 passengers of the Spanish steamer Balmes, which took fire at sea on November 12, and how the Pannonia conveyed the blazing vessel 564 miles to Bermuda, was told for the first time today in a radio message from Capt. Robert Capper, of the Pannonia. The wireless says:

"I received the first S. O. S. call from Capt. Juan Ruiz, of the steamship Balmes, at 10:15 a. m. on November 12. His second message said the Balmes was at latitude 33 degrees 5 minutes N. and longitude 53 degrees 4 minutes W. We were 25 miles from the Balmes. We picked up the Balmes at 1:30 p. m. November 12, at a point 107 miles from where she was when she sent us the first S. O. S."

"When we got the call the weather was adverse. There was a heavy sea and a strong southerly gale. I ordered all steam put on and put double watches on. At the same time, we got our boats ready to launch, after placing provisions, medicines, and all necessary supplies in them."

No Other Call Answered.

"We were in almost constant radio communication with the Balmes and as we feared that vessel we learned that no other reply than ours had been made to the S. O. S. call. The probable reason for this was that the Balmes was far off the beaten track of travel in that section of the Atlantic."

"The Balmes could only steam at ten knots, but Capt. Ruiz thought it best to come toward us for his passengers, all of whom were Spaniards or Cubans and in the steerage, were panic-stricken and his crew of fifty-eight could do but little against the fire under the circumstances."

"When we first sighted the Balmes the vessel seemed to be ablaze from her foremast to her stern and it looked for a time as if all on board her might have been burned to death. As we drew closer we could see passengers and crew moving about the decks."

"I had the boats, ladders, ladders, and lights made ready to act over the side when I received a May lamp signal from Capt. Ruiz. He said the cotton in No. 2 hold was ablaze and that he had 200 packages of rum on the deck as well as considerable more below hatches. He also advised against the Pannonia getting too close for the sea was running high."

The Race for Bermuda.

"I replied that I would gladly send the Pannonia boat, and every man in the crew immediately volunteered to go. Capt. Ruiz said it would be better to wait until daylight, as he had many women and children aboard. He thought it best to steam as fast as possible toward Bermuda, 564 miles distant. The two vessels, keeping one mile apart, raced toward Bermuda."

"At daylight on the 13th I sent three boats from the Pannonia. The first was in command of the first officer and carried the doctor. Another doctor, the purser, and chief steward took the second boat."

"After the doctor was put aboard the Balmes thirty-seven women and children were taken off by means of a human ladder. The men, clinging with a hand and leg to the ropes leading to the deck of the Pannonia, were lowered to our lifeboats. The first boat load of passengers reached the Pannonia at 7:30 a. m., and the last were taken off at 9:15 a. m. The boat got to the Pannonia just in time to prevent the last man touched the deck when a terrific storm broke over us, and the Balmes was practically lost to sight."

"Many of the children suffered terribly during the night on the deck of the Balmes, while a number of the women rescued were almost naked when taken aboard the Pannonia, and all were suffering from the effects of the night. Capt. Ruiz then asked me to convey him to Bermuda and asked me not to leave him for he said the Balmes was in constant danger of being blown up. He reported the fire as gaining steadily and made ready to abandon the ship at an instant's notice."

"The crew on the Balmes struggled gallantly, and a man offered to desert his post. The strain and anxiety of all persons on both boats was intense during the next three days. I sent a radio to the deckyard at Bermuda, asking for tug to meet us and at 5 p. m. on the 16th we sighted the lights of the tug. When the tug came up to us the passengers made a great demonstration."

Church Fire Causes \$1,500 Loss.

More than \$1,500 damage was done to the Ninth Street Christian Church yesterday morning at 4 o'clock by fire. A lead gas pipe melted from heat from hot ashes from the furnace in the basement, causing the gas to ignite. The blaze spread to the stairway. A second alarm was necessary.

Evelyn Hain's New Song.

"Love Is the Song of Love" is the title of a song composed by Evelyn Hain, a well-known musician of Washington. The music is in value into time. The words make a pretty love poem.

Largest Morning Circulation.

**Mother's Friend
in Every Home**

**Comfort and Safety Assured Before
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In thousands of American homes there is a bottle of Mother's Friend that has aided in the advance of baby's coming, and had a wonderful influence in developing a lovely disposition in the child.

There is no other remedy so truly a help to nature. It relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes pleasant those fibres and muscles which nature is expanding and soothes the inflammation of breast glands.

Mother's Friend is an external remedy, and not only banishes all distress in advance, but assures a speedy recovery for the mother. There is no danger of baby's coming with all her strength preserved to thoroughly enjoy the rearing of her child. Mother's Friend can be had at any drug store at \$1.00 a bottle. Write to Bradfield Regulator Co., 125 East 18th St., New York, for their free book. Write to-day. It is most instructive.

SCENE OFF COAST OF LABRADOR. Lower, left—Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, who has assisted forlorn fishermen of ice-bound region. Right—Francis Bowes Sayre, soon to be President Wilson's son-in-law, who spent two thrilling summers helping Dr. Grenfell in his wonderful work.



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BUILDING NEWS AND GOSSIP

**F. P. MAY COMPANY
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**Old Hardware Firm to Move Into C
Street Quarters, Plans for Which
B. Stanley Simmons is Drawing.**

STRUCTURE TO BE FIVE STORIES

B. Stanley Simmons, architect, has prepared plans and specifications for a new store and warehouse to be located at 400 to 410 C Street Northwest. The F. P. May Company, dealers in hardware, will occupy the building when completed.

The building operations will probably be commenced about January 1, and ready for occupancy about May 1. The building will be five stories in height, with a basement. The upper floors are to be used for warehouses, with reinforced concrete and thoroughly fireproof.

The first floor will contain the general display rooms of the firm, a sample room, a large office, and a shipping room. The general offices will communicate throughout with the various departments of the firm.

The new structure will have a frontage of seventy-four feet on C Street and a depth of 18 feet. The exterior is to be constructed of brick and brownstone with trimmings appropriately featured in the general ornamental facade.

The building will be one of the finest and most commodious in the city.

The F. P. May Hardware Company at present located at 64 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, own the property and it is estimated that the building will cost over \$100,000. James L. Parsons will take charge of the construction work.

**WALTER REED HOSPITAL
ADDITION BEING BUILT**

**"Ward A" Construction Rapidly Is
Progressing—Recreating Rooms
for Patients Provided.**

A new addition of the Walter Reed Hospital, now in the course of construction, will be known as Ward A.

The building will have one story and a basement, and arranged so that another story may be built when appropriations are granted. The new addition connects with the present hospital building located at Georgia Avenue and Butternut Street Northwest. It is being constructed of red brick, with ornamental limestone trimmings.

The basement will have recreation rooms for patients of the ward. The first floor is to be subdivided into wards with a capacity of fourteen beds.

The cost of the new structure is estimated at about \$20,000. It is expected to be completed in the early spring.

**MODEL LUNCH ROOM
TO HAVE MORE SPACE**

**Increased Business Requires Remodel-
ing of Fourteenth Street
Restaurant.**

The Model Lunchroom, located at 734 Fourteenth Street Northwest, has been compelled to enlarge its space owing to the increase of business.

The work of remodeling the adjoining building and renovating the present quarters will be carried on by E. T. Calor, builder, and William Seck, electrician. Work will be completed in the early spring.

A new show window, entirely new tile floors throughout, and enlarged kitchen capacity will make the eating house a very attractive place when the work is completed.

**NINTH STREET MOVIE
CONTRACT AWARDED**

**Beahm & Rice to Erect Theater for
Dr. Louis Kolipinski—Up-to-
Date Amusement Hall.**

Beahm & Rice, builders, have been awarded the contract to erect a large moving picture theater to be located at 147-149 Ninth Street Northwest for Dr. Louis Kolipinski.

The building will measure forty-four feet by about ninety feet, and is to be one story in height. The exterior will be constructed of dark gray tapestry brick with limestone bases. The theater is to be heated by hot water and to have the latest improved plumbing and wired for electric lighting and for the operation of fans.